

Robin Hoods progresse to Nottingham,

Where hee met with fifteen Forresters all on a row,
And hee desired of them some news for to know,
But with crosse graind words they did him thwart,
For which at last hee made them smart.

To the Tune of, bold Robin Hood.



Robin Hood he was and a tall young man,
Derry derry down,
And fifteen Forresters old,
And Robin Hood he was a proper young man,
Of courage stout and bold,
Hey down derry derry down.

Robin Hood he thought was to fair Nottingham,
Derry derry down,
With the general he to shew,
There was he met with fifteen Forresters,
And a cunning crew, He was old,
Hey down, derry derry down.

What news, what news, said bold Robin,
Derry derry down, (Hood)
What news said those that then knew,
Our King hath married a French maid,
And I'm ready with my bow,
Hey down derry derry down.

What news said those that then knew the Forresters,
Derry derry down,
That ever a boy is young,
Should bear a bow before our King,
That's not able to handle one string,
Hey down, derry derry down.

I'll tell you twenty marks said bold Robin,
Derry derry down, (Hood)
By the leave of our King,
That I'll hit a mark a hundred red,
And he could a dart to see,
Hey down, derry derry down.

Will I tell you twenty marks said the For-
Derry derry down, (Forresters)
By the leave of our King,
I'll hit a mark a hundred red,
And he could a dart to see,
Hey down derry derry down.

Robin Hood he hit up a noble shot,
Derry derry down,
And a broad arrow he let fly,
He hit the mark a hundred red,
And he could a dart to see,
Hey down, derry derry down.

Some said he spoke true and so true,
Derry derry down,
And some said hee spoke false,
Hee was within the dart would not abide,
That it glanced on his nose,
Hey down, derry derry down.

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Robin Hood he thought was to take Nottingham,
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With the general he to take,
There was he met with fifteen Forresters,
And a cunning crew, He was old,
Hey down, derry derry down.

What news, what news, said bold Robin,
Derry derry down, (Hood)
What news said those that then knew,
Our King hath given a hunting in the,
And I'm ready with my bow,
Hey down derry derry down.

We shall all in the forest take the Forresters,
Derry derry down,
That ever a boy is young,
Should hear a bow before our King,
That's not able to make one string,
Hey down, derry derry down.

I'll take you twenty marks said bold Robin,
Derry derry down, (Hood)
By the leave of our King,
That I'll hit a mark a hundred red,
And hee could a bow to use,
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Derry derry down,
And some said hee spoke with one,
Hee was within the bow would not abide,
That it glanced in the bow,
Hey down, derry derry down.



The hart in ship, and the hart in leay,
derry derry down,
And the hart lay on the ground
The longer is mine than both Robin Hood,
At there for a thousand years,
Hey down, derry derry down.

The longer's none of these then said the Fox,
derry derry down, (replies)
Although then best in haste,
Take up the stone and get thee hence
Rest till the does be haste,
Hey down, derry derry down.

Robin Hood he took up his noble bow,
derry derry down,
And his bow and arrows all around,
And Robin Hood he laugh and began to sing
Hopes went over the wind,
Hey down, derry derry down.

Then Robin Hood he bent his noble bow,
derry derry down,
And his bow and arrows he let fly,
All fourteen of these fifteen foresters
Upon the ground he lay,
Hey down, derry derry down.

As that in this general first begin,
derry derry down,
Went tripping over the plain,
But Robin Hood he bent his noble bow,
And he let him back again,
Hey down derry, &c.

In this I was no Archer said Robin Hood,
derry derry down,
But say to me again,
With that he sent another arrow
That split his head in twain,
Hey down, derry, &c.

In this I was no Archer said Robin Hood,
derry derry down, (Hood)
Which will make your wives for to weep
And with that you had never spoke the word,
That I could not stand one string,
Hey down, derry, &c.

The people that live in fair Nottingham,
derry derry down,
Remembering yet again
Happening to have taken both Robin Hood,
With the foresters that were slain,
Hey down, derry, &c.

In this I was no Archer said Robin Hood,
derry derry down,
Remembering yet again
That Robin Hood he took up his noble bow,
And is gone to the merry green wood,
Hey down derry, &c.

They carried these foresters into fair Not-
derry derry down, (tingham)
tingham there he lay,
They dug them graves in their church-yard
And they buried them all a row,
hey down, derry derry down.

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